

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2004

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac. Chairman (by telephone)
Martha Grout, M.D., Secretary
Dana Price, L. Ac. Professional Member
Joan Heskett, Public Member
Don Nichols, Public Member
Toni Karnas, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member
Cesar Quintana, Professional Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac. Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Mark Harris, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Allen Imig, Executive Director

I. Call to Order

Dr. Grout called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes - Review, Discussion, and Action

Ms. Price made a motion to accept the October 27, 2004, regular meeting minutes. Chairman Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the November 2, 2004, telephone conference, meeting minutes. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

First time before the Board complaint 2005-003 (UP) Elizabeth Dutton, DVM

Chairman Malone made a motion to send Dr. Dutton a cease and desist order with a copy sent to the Veterinary Board, so there is a record of the violation. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

Dr. Dutton was present but did not wish to address the Board. During the discussion Chairman Malone felt this was a brief violation by Dr. Dutton and did not think she would do this again, but there should be a record so if it does happen again someone knows about it. Dr. Grout pointed out that incident was clearly not for money, it was done for someone who worked for her who asked and seems there was a different agenda by the one who made the complaint. Mr. Nichols discussed that this is a person who was not licensed to do human acupuncture and that is what the cease and desist letter is about. Chairman Malone discussed that this incident also happened out in the public view.

After the discussion the motion passed 5 –0 with Dr. Grout abstaining.

IV. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

The Board discussed ARS 32.3924 (1) “Examination that is recognized by the board”. The issue was when a person passed the NCCAOM examination but the program they attended was not ACAOM accredited and therefore NCCAOM would not certify the person. The discussion surrounded whether the Board should agree that the NCCAOM exam is sufficient along with graduation from a program that the Board approved to grant an Arizona acupuncture license. Mr. Nichols made a motion that the Board recognizes the NCCAOM examination as a separate qualifier for licensure. Ms. Heskett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 - 0

V. Consideration of Candidates for licensure and Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Acupuncture License

Mr. Nichols made a motion that Andrea Beth Damsky and Danette J. De Cannett be issued an acupuncture license. Chairman Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Auricular Certificate

Mr. Nichols made a motion that Kathryn Dickenson be issued an auricular certification. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

VI. Consideration of Candidates for licensure with criminal disclosure– Review, Discussion and Action

Ms. Condra was present and addressed the Board. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Jo Condra for an acupuncture license. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

VII. Consideration of Acupuncture Program - Review, Discussion and Action. The board may go into executive session to obtain legal advice

The Board discussed the University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute's curriculum as to whether it met the requirements for approval. The University is not accredited by ACAOM and is not a candidate for accreditation at this time. The Board reviewed the University's program and determined it did not meet the 800 clinic hours as required by R4-8-304. Chairman Malone made a motion not to approve the University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute's program because it did not comply with R4-8-304 that requires 800 clinic hours. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Nichols abstaining.

VIII Consideration of Candidate for licensure: – Review, Discussion and Action

The Board considered applicant Susan Rudderham's application. The discussion was that the University of Bridgeport Acupuncture Institute program was not accredited or a candidate for accreditation by ACAOM. Also the University's program did not meet the requirements of R4-8-304 and therefore not approved by the Board. Ms Price made a motion to deny licensure because she did not qualify under the approved program for acupuncture. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 - 0

IX. Executive Director Report

This agenda item was taken ahead of number VII and VIII.

The Executive Director reported on the latest revenue report.

The Board was informed the Auditor Generals office will do a Sunset review in 2006.

The Board was informed that if any current Board member wanted to be reappointment they needed to apply with the Governor's office. Ms. Price informed the Board she would not re-apply, due to her busy schedule.

The Board reviewed the meeting dates for 2005.

X. Future Agenda Items

Legislative issues for the next meeting.

XI. Future Meeting Dates

Next scheduled meeting date is December 15, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in conference room 280.

XII. Call to the Public

There was none

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Imig
Executive Director